



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DATA REGARDING  
RECIPIENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM BENEFITS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2015*) (a) The Department of
- 2 Public Health, the Department of Social Services and any other office
- 3 or agency of the state that collects primary data concerning the identity
- 4 of persons served by such department, office or agency shall collect
- 5 and maintain data aggregated in a manner that does not identify such
- 6 persons, concerning such persons' race, ethnicity, sex, sexual
- 7 orientation, gender identity, primary language and disability status.
- 8 Such department, office or agency may collect additional data,
- 9 including, but not limited to, the residential address, socioeconomic
- 10 status and level of acculturation of such persons. Any such data shall
- 11 be collected by such departments, office or agency using a self-
- 12 reporting method, except a parent or guardian may report such
- 13 information by responding to questions on behalf of a minor and a
- 14 guardian or conservator may report such information by responding to
- 15 questions on behalf of a person who is incapacitated.

16 (b) Said departments, office or agency shall annually review data  
17 collected in accordance with subsection (a) of this section. Such review  
18 shall include, but need not be limited to, an assessment of the race,  
19 ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, primary language,  
20 disability status, and, if such data is collected, socioeconomic status or  
21 other identifying information of the population group served by such  
22 department, office or agency. If such department, office or agency is  
23 not able to collect sufficient data in accordance with subsection (a) of  
24 this section to enable such department, office or agency to conduct an  
25 analysis of such data, such department, office or agency shall establish  
26 and implement a plan to improve such data collection. Such plan may  
27 include identification of barriers to effective data collection, a plan for  
28 overcoming such barriers and a timeline for achieving effective data  
29 collection in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2015	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require certain state agencies to collect, maintain and review identifying information concerning the persons such agencies serve.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*